

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 13, 2009, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1-3, 7-10, 12-22, 25-27, 30-34, 36-46, and 50 are currently pending and subject to examination. By the foregoing amendment, claims 1, 10, 25, 34 and 50 have been amended; and claim 6 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 18-22 and 42-46 were previously withdrawn. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the Application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 12-17 and 36-41 are allowed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-2, 6-10, 25-26, and 30-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,298,441 to Handelsman et al. ("Handelsman") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,195,667 to Duga et al. ("Duga"), and U.S. Patent No. 5,890,177 to Moody et al. ("Moody") and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,553,216 to Yoshioka et al. ("Yoshioka"), Claims 3 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Handelsman in view of Duga and Moody, in further view of Yoshioka, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,675,384 to Block et al ("Block"), and Claim 50 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,761,681 to Huffman et al. ("Huffman") in view of Duga, Handelsman,

Moody, and Yoshioka. To the extent that the rejections remain applicable to the claims currently pending, the Applicants traverse the rejections, as follows.

The Applicants submit that Handelman, Duga, Moody, Yoshioka, Block and Huffman, taken alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest a method for restricting access to electronic books displayed on a viewer, including at least the following combination of features: “displaying the electronic book on the viewer; receiving at the viewer an identification of restricted content from the user; saving an unrestricted version of the electronic book in at least one of the library unit and the viewer, the unrestricted version including the original format of the electronic book; creating a restricted version of the electronic book and saving the restricted version of the electronic book in at least one of the library unit and the viewer, wherein the restricted version includes the unrestricted version of the electronic book with portions of the unrestricted version deleted, wherein the deletions are based on the identification of restricted content from the user; and inserting a cross-reference to the restricted version of the electronic book in a header portion of the unrestricted version of the electronic book,” as recited in amended claim 1.

For at least the above reasons, the Applicants submit that amended claim 1 is allowable over the cited references, taken alone or in combination. For similar reasons, the Applicants submit that amended claims 10, 25, 34 and 50 are also allowable over the cited references, taken alone or in combination.

As claims 1, 10, 25, 34 and 50 are allowable, the Applicants submit that claims 2-3, 7-9, 26-27, and 30-33, which depend from claims 1 and 25, respectively, are likewise

allowable over the cited references, taken alone or in combination, as well as for the additional features recited therein.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending patentability distinguish the present invention from the cited references. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into allowable form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, with reference to Attorney Docket No. 026680-00029.

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